



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

Commandant  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Directorate of Marine Safety, Security & Stewardship  
2100 Second Street, SW, Stop 7355  
Washington, DC 20593

MSIB Number: 024/12  
Date: November 23, 2012  
Contact: Mr. George Grills, P.E.  
Phone: (202) 372-1385  
E-Mail:  
George.G.Grills@uscg.mil

---

## Lifesaving Equipment: Release Mechanisms Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rule Making Published

The U.S. Coast Guard announces publication in the Federal Register today of a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) to address amendments to international standards affecting the design and performance of International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS) lifeboat and rescue boat release mechanisms, that were recently adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and which will enter into force on January 1, 2013.

The amendments to the IMO Life Saving Appliance Code affect the interim rule, published on October 11, 2011, regarding release mechanisms. In the SNPRM, the Coast Guard proposes to amend the interim rule to harmonize Coast Guard regulations of release mechanisms for SOLAS lifeboats and rescue boats with these recently adopted international standards. The Coast Guard seeks comments on this proposal.

The SNPRM and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2010-0048.

For more information on this rule making, please contact Mr. George Grills, P.E. at (202) 372-1385 or [George.G.Grills@uscg.mil](mailto:George.G.Grills@uscg.mil).

**-uscg-**